

House Bill 592

By: Representatives Golick of the 34th and Knox of the 24th

A BILL TO BE ENTITLED
AN ACT

To amend Chapter 7 of Title 33 of the Official Code of Georgia Annotated, relating to kinds of insurance, so as to provide that uninsured motorist coverage applies only to automobile liability policies and motor vehicle liability policies; to specifically exclude umbrella and excess liability policies; to provide for related matters; to provide an effective date; to repeal conflicting laws; and for other purposes.

BE IT ENACTED BY THE GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF GEORGIA:

SECTION 1.

Chapter 7 of Title 33 of the Official Code of Georgia Annotated, relating to kinds of insurance, is amended by revising paragraph (3) of subsection (a) of Code Section 33-7-11, relating to uninsured motorist coverage under motor vehicle liability policies, as follows:

"(3) The coverage required under paragraph (1) of this subsection shall not be applicable where any insured named in the policy shall reject the coverage in writing. The coverage required under paragraph (1) of this subsection shall only apply to automobile liability policies and motor vehicle liability policies and shall not apply to umbrella or excess liability policies. The coverage need not be provided in or supplemental to a renewal policy where the named insured had rejected the coverage in connection with a policy previously issued to said insured by the same insurer. The amount of coverage need not be increased in a renewal policy from the amount shown on the declarations page for coverage existing prior to July 1, 2001. The amount of coverage need not be increased from the amounts shown on the declarations page on renewal once coverage is issued."

SECTION 2.

This Act shall become effective upon its approval by the Governor or upon its becoming law without such approval.

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- All laws and parts of laws in conflict with this Act are repealed.